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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV'S REQUEST TO USE POUCH FOR PERSONAL

MAIL: LETTER TO DR. BRZEZINSKI

REF: A. MOSCOW 07342 B. MOSCOW 05867

1. PLEASE ARRANGE TO HAVE FOLLOWING CONVEYED TO SAKHAROV
IN MEETING ON MONDAY:

2. DR. BRZEZINSKI HAS RECEIVED HIS LETTER, AND QUESTIONS

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HE RAISED HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY STUDIED.

-WE CONSIDER HIS VIEWS ON PUBLIC ISSUES TO BE HIGHLY
IMPORTANT, BOTH TO USG AND CONGRESS AND TO INTERESTED
AMERICANS.

-AS IN THE PAST, WE ARE WILLING TO RECEIVE THESE DOCUMENTS

FOR TRANSMISSION BY POUCH OR TELEGRAM TO USG. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR DISSEMINATING THESE DOCUMENTS TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OR OTHER AMERICANS.

-WE REGRET, HOWEVER, THAT WE CANNOT TRANSMIT LETTERS OF A PURELY PERSONAL NATURE DIRECTLY TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS.

-IF HE WISHES TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, WE WILL, OF COURSE, TRANSMIT THE MATERIALS HE GIVES US. CONGRESSMAN DANTE FASCELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CSCE COMMISSION, WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ANY MATERIALS SAKHAROV OR HIS WIFE WISH TO SEND HIM. SAKHAROV MAY, IF HE WISHES, INDICATE TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF THESE MATERIALS. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, USG DOES NOT QUESTION THE NATURE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH A MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

-WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATING WHICH SAKHAROV AND MANY OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE USSR ENCOUNTER. AS SAKHAROV KNOWS, THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER BY MAIL AND TELEPHONE ACROSS NATIONAL BORDERS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ISSUES THE US RAISED PUBLICLY AT THE BELGRADE MEETING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THIS ISSUE.

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-WE ALSO TAKE SERIOUSLY SAKHAROV'S CONCERN ABOUT THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF HIS FAMILY IN THE US. WHILE WE ARE AWARE OF NO PROBLEM IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE ALERTING US AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE MATTERS OF HIS CONCERN IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS REQUEST.

3. PLEASE POINT OUT TO SAKHAROV THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER AND DEAL WITH HIS VIEWS AND EXPRESSED CONCERNS IN A DISCREET MANNER AND THAT WE SHARE HIS DESIRE NOT TO STIMULATE PUBLICITY AS TO ANY ARRANGEMENTS IN THIS REGARD. IN THIS WAY, HIS AND OUR INTERESTS IN KEEPING OPEN A CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATIONS, WHEREBY HIS OPINIONS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES CAN BE COMMUNICATED TO USG AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AMERICANS CAN BE PRESERVED. CHRISTOPHER

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